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EUR/CAN:JHROUSE
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TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, PINT, US, DM

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BENINESE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

REFS: COTONOU 570 (NOTAL), COTONOU 439, STATE 57064

1. SINCE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN HAS NOT PUBLISHED NECESSARY DECREES NOR FORMALLY NOTIFIED MISSION THAT INTERNAL SECURITY RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL AND LODGING HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED, POST SHOULD PROCEED AS IF RESTRICTIONS DO NOT EXIST, PROVIDED YOU DETERMINE THAT DOING SO WOULD NOT ENDANGER WELFARE OF U.S. CITIZENS IN BENIN. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT STATEMENT BY SOVIET CONSUL THAT RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE OBSERVED (ALTHOUGH NOT PROMULGATED) BECAUSE GPRB MAY "MAKE EXAMPLE" OF DIPLOMAT VIOLATING DECREES IS NOT GROUND FOR OBSERVING RESTRICTIONS. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PROCEEDING AS IF DECREES DO NOT EXIST WOULD ENDANGER WELFARE OF U.S. CITIZENS IN BENIN, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTIFY DEPARTMENT SO THAT WE MAY CONSIDER INSTRUCTING POST TO INQUIRE FORMALLY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT. WOULD APPRECIATE POST COMMENTS ON PROBABLE RESPONSE TO SUCH AN INQUIRY.

2. IF POST DECIDES THAT PROCEEDING AS IF RESTRICTIONS DO NOT EXIST WOULD NOT ENDANGER WELFARE OF U.S. CITIZENS IN

BENIN YOU SHOULD COORDINATE IN ADVANCE WITH FOREIGN
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DIPLOMATIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MISSIONS IN BENIN WHICH TEND TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION (FRANCE, GERMANY, CANADA, NIGER AND EGYPT). IF THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO ACT AS IF RESTRICTIONS DO NOT EXIST, YOU SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT BEFORE PROCEEDING AS IF RESTRICTIONS DO NOT EXIST.

3. POST SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT IF APPARENT ENFORCEMENT OF NEW DECREES WITHOUT PROMULGATION AFFECTS ACTIVITIES OF EMBASSY, USIS, AID, OR PEACE CORPS IN BENIN EITHER NOW OR IN FUTURE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IN PARTICULAR REVIEW OF EFFECT ON PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER TRAVEL TO COTONOU AND DEPARTURE FROM COTONOU TO LEAVE COUNTRY.
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